

REPLY TO DR. KELLEY.

B. A. Ormond Assumes Responsibility of "Fair Play."

The following communication was inadvertently misplaced, which accounts for delay in publishing same:

Windsor, Fla., July 1.—Editor Sun: Please grant me a short space in the columns of your valuable paper, in which to review briefly the article in The Sun of the 29th ult. entitled, "Fair Play Answered," and signed by Dr. Kelley. In that I have been charged with being false and of attempting to misrepresent Dr. Kelley and the School Board. A few words by way of explanation and self vindication will not be amiss, after which I shall leave it to the "honest public" to decide who is the prejudiced party in the case, or who is attempting to misrepresent facts.

The "tramp teacher," "sorehead," "disgraced individual" and "meddlesome knight of the quill," who, in a courteous letter in your paper of the 29th ult., asked an explanation of certain things done by the School Board, is J. A. Ormond of Windsor, who, having taught eight terms in the public schools of Alachua county, needs no introduction to most of the readers of The Sun. Since the promulgation by our forefathers of freedom of speech and of the press it has never been considered out of order for any public servant to have his acts discussed in print. But such is the arrogance of this saw mill graduate and defunct pill-roller, who, by a majority of five votes, has been placed at the head of Alachua county's school offices, that he replies to a polite inquiry in a half-column of vituperation and abuse. Instead of making a single attempt to justify the action in question he is content with vilifying the inquirer and in the same suave, glibless manner, which with certain other influences won for him his handsome (?) majority in the election of last year, thinks to sidetrack the issue.

Though not a member of the board and without the power of a single vote in that body, Dr. Kelley takes upon himself the responsibility for their action and upon the unvarying principle that "a hit dog always howls," we readily concede him that responsibility. And now for a few facts in the case:

At the April meeting of the Alachua County Board of Public Instruction, a petition asking the board for my appointment as teacher of the summer school at Trenton was presented to the board by the supervisor of that school, bearing the names of every patron in the district. I submitted my application at the same time. Within the next few days I received a letter from the supervisor of Trenton school enclosing a letter from Dr. Kelley, in which he denied having received my application, but asked him to inform me of the ruling which the board had made at that meeting, (for my special benefit as everyone can see) i. e., that no teacher who had taught outside the county could receive summer work in the county unless he should agree to teach the winter term of the school as well. Although I knew that the ruling was made to suit my particular case and to gratify Dr. Kelley's political spite against me and was in fact an export facto law, I could not but concede the right of the board to favor those teachers who have always taught in the county, and so gracefully bowed in submission. And now comes the point of inconsistency.

Dr. Kelley in his article says: "We do not propose to allow new comers to deprive home teachers of work during the dull season and then go away and leave but three months work for some of our teachers." Then why did Dr. Kelley appoint Prof. G. W. Bonner to a summer term at Santa Fe, when Dr. Kelley knew that he would teach in another county for the winter term in the same school year? Does he deny this? Hear the proof: Supt. Dickson of Hillsboro county told me in his office in Tampa three weeks ago, in the presence of my wife, that Prof. Bonner had accepted a school in that county for the coming term, which school he had presented upon the recommendation of Dr. Kelley. Now, Mr. Bonner is, according to Dr. Kelley's definition, a "tramp teacher," since he is leaving the county after teaching but one term, while I, another "tramp teacher," was raised and educated in the county and never taught outside the county until last year. Now in the face of these things, what does the "honest public" think of Dr. Kelley's "ideas of law and justice?" I am not making a personal fight on Dr. Kelley—so much the better for him; and having presented the facts in the case, I leave it in the hands of the "honest public" and intend to

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have no more to say on the subject. Any further personalities in which he may wish to engage will, I trust, be conducted personally.

To Prof. Bonner, whom I have not met, I offer my most sincere apology for the use of his name in connection with the affair and assure him that no offense is intended.

As to my prestige as a teacher, upon which Dr. Kelley has attempted to cast a slur, it is a significant fact that my opportunities are not limited by the boundaries of any particular county, and it is a fact of which I am a trifle proud, that in the face of my being "turned down" by Dr. Kelley and his board, I was the first teacher in the State to receive recognition at the hands of the State Board of Education and Board of Control, a body almost as eminent as the Alachua County Board of Public Instruction.

Very respectfully,

J. A. ORMOND.

Object to Bible Reading in Schools.

Cleveland, O., July 11.—The reading of the Bible in the public schools was denounced in the report of the committee on sectarianism of the central conference of American rabbis, which has closed here. The report says that "the place of the Bible in the home, the church and the church school. To force it into the public educational institutions is to interfere with the growth of a finer and larger human brotherhood."

Veteran of Mexican War Dead.

Tacoma, Wash., July 11.—John Selby, a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, died today. He was 87 years old. Mr. Selby served under General Zachary Taylor in the battle of Buena Vista and later with the United States troops operating in northern Mexico. He was given special work by the government and in recognition of his services received a personal letter of thanks from President Abraham Lincoln. The remains will be sent to Jacksonville, Ill., his former home, for interment.

Bent Her Double.

"I knew no one, for four weeks, when I was sick with typhoid and kidney trouble," writes Mrs. Annie Hunter of Pittsburgh, Pa., "and when I got better, although I had one of the best doctors I could get, I was bent double, and had to rest my hands on my knees when I walked. From this terrible affliction I was rescued by Electric Bitters, which restored my health and strength, and now I can walk as straight as ever. They are simply wonderful." Guaranteed to cure stomach, liver and kidney disorders; at all drug stores; price 50c.

Fatal Panic on Street Car.

New York, July 11.—One man was fatally injured and many other persons cut and bruised in a panic on surface cars on the Brooklyn bridge early today, following the blowing out of the fuses in the controller boxes at both ends of the car. The passengers leaped from the car, whose speed was undiminished. Frank Lawrence, of Brooklyn, the first to alight, was borne down by others who leaped upon him and he received injuries which will cause his death.

Wife Elopes with Milkman.

Trop, N. Y., July 11.—Albert Dunham, 75 years old, a wealthy resident of Eagle Mills, a suburb of this city, is bemoaning the loss of his 25-year-old wife who disappeared with Ralph Reynolds, a young milkman. A simple note stating that she loved Reynolds and was going with him to Chicago, was the only explanation of her disappearance left by the young woman.

Indigestion.

With its companions, heartburn, flatulence, torpidity of the liver, constipation, palpitation of the heart, poor blood, headache and other nervous symptoms, sallow skin, foul tongue, offensive breath and a legion of other ailments, is at once the most widespread and destructive malady among the American people. The Herbine treatment will cure all these troubles. 50c bottle. Sold by W. M. Johnson.

EXPLOSION KILLS EIGHT MEN.

Premature Blast of Rock Powder Huris Them Into Eternity.

Harrisburg, Pa., July 11.—Eight men were blown to pieces and two others were injured by the premature explosion of a big blast of rock powder on the Pennsylvania railroad improvements near New Cumberland. The accident occurred directly across the Susquehanna river from the scene of the Pennsylvania railroad wreck on May 17, in which 23 persons were killed and many others wounded.

All the victims of the disaster were employees of F. & Kerbaugh & Co., Incorporated, contractors, who are building the double tracks for the Pennsylvania railroad to connect with the Etna yards. The bodies of the men were terribly mangled and particles of flesh and bone were scattered for 200 yards from the scene of the explosion.

STATE'S CASH IN BROKEN BANK.

Kansas' Governor Will Demand Resignation of State Treasurer.

Topeka, Kans., July 11.—Another conference of attorneys was held to discuss the situation arising from the loss of state funds in the defunct First National bank. It was announced that Governor Hoch will demand the resignation of State Treasurer T. T. Kelly on the ground of improper conduct in office and that Kelly will resist the demand. The matter probably will have to be settled in the courts.

Governor Hoch is understood as being extremely anxious to secure the resignation of Kelly. Considerable difficulty arises from the fact that all the laws which were especially designed for cases like the present one were repealed by the last session of the state legislature. Some definite action will be taken early.

Killed Woman and Buried Body.

Philadelphia, Pa., July 11.—With the back of the head crushed in, mutilated from head to foot and several bones broken, the body of a woman was found buried in the cellar of a house in the northeastern part of the city, formerly the home of Charles Bluhm, a German, who died in a hospital on May 10. The police believe that Bluhm mudred the woman, who was his housekeeper, and buried the body in the cellar to hide the crime. A hole had been dug in the middle of the cellar and a quantity of quick lime thrown in. The body was then placed in the hole and covered with earth.

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Humiliated Husband Suicided.

Mt. Vernon, O., July 11.—Because his wife led him out of a saloon, Clarence Foss, 38, and a prominent citizen of this place, committed suicide by taking a dose of chloral hydrate. He lived but 20 minutes after taking the poison. Foss walked into a saloon and took a glass of beer, but his wife followed him and took him out before a large crowd. Foss felt his humiliation so keenly that he declared to his wife at the time he would surely take his own life. True to his word, he carried out his threat and died in great agony.

Forced to Starve.

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